



The EC2U Alliance presents

— **Our first**
18 months

Learn more about the EC2U Alliance, its community, its activities, and its main achievements.



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The European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U)

is a multi-cultural and multi-lingual Alliance consisting of 7 long-standing, education and research-led, locally, and globally engaged universities from diverse regions of the European Union.



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INTRODUCTION

The **European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U)** acts for and with all members of its seven Partner Universities and cities.

The Alliance's long-term vision is to create a true **European Campus** that connects academic communities, citizens, and stakeholders via common activities.

At the centre of EC2U's mission is the **unique link between universities and their respective cities**. The Alliance is composed of 7 universities and 30 Associated Partners (municipalities, local student associations, regional higher-education and socio-economic stakeholders).



The EC2U Alliance was selected by the European Commission under the 2020 Erasmus+ call to strengthen partnerships via bottom-up networks of universities.

*The European Universities initiative will lead the way towards the universities of the future, promoting **European values and identity, and revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of European higher education.***

Thanks to the engagement of our communities, EC2U has an increasingly **positive impact**.

This brochure presents the milestones, key figures, and the main accomplishments EC2U has reached **in the first 18 months**.

EC2U GATHERS MORE THAN

160.000
students

20.000
staff

30
associated
partners

1.600.000
citizens

FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

more than

2210
followers
on social media

80%
satisfaction rate

1600
participants
in the EC2U Fora

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

After 18 months of activity, the Alliance has managed:

150

project meetings



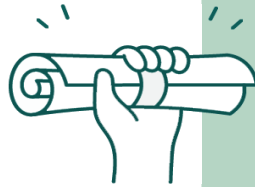
20

major EC2U events



3

Joint Master's Programmes



308

Professors collaborating within RI4C2



1650

mobility experiences (virtual & physical)



8

co-tutelle PhD theses



1

EC2U mobile app



IMPLEMENTING A SUSTAINABLE ALLIANCE

EC2U is stakeholder-centred, from its actions to its governance. The Alliance's governing bodies are **collaborative, consultative, and adopt bottom-up decision-making processes.**

Their role is to guarantee transparent dialogue, the quality of activities, and progress towards shared objectives. The governance enhances collaboration between students, academic members, and Associated Partners.



We strongly believe in the potential of the European Alliance to create a pan-European inter-universities campus and create an education ecosystem through a new model of quality education for an inclusive civic society.

Francesco Svelto,
Rector of the University of Pavia



The main governing body of the EC2U Alliance is called the **Executive Committee** and is composed of

7 administrative representatives
institutional representatives
student representatives

EC2U activities are successfully implemented via the collaboration of:

4 GOVERNING BODIES

8 WORK PACKAGES
Teams create and implement activities related to their field of expertise.

5 TASK GROUPS
- Master's Degrees
- Microcredentials
- Mobility
- Strategy
- Co-tutelle PhD

KEY EVENTS



KICK OFF WEEK

23-27 November 2020

A successful week of online meetings to mark the official launch of the project. This event allowed the different EC2U stakeholders to make important decisions and discuss strategic and decisive points for the continuity of the Alliance's missions.



4 EC2U FORA

4-5 February 2021 (Poitiers - *online*)

19-21 May 2021 (Turku - *online*)

27-28 October 2021 (Salamanca - *hybrid*)

5-7 April 2022 (Pavia - *hybrid*)



- **1600 PARTICIPANTS**

- **OBJECTIVE:**

Every 6 months, the Alliance organises the EC2U Forum: an original and inclusive space to gather students, staff, citizens, local and regional authorities. Its aim is to foster open dialogue on key issues in society and share good practices.

- **BENEFITS:**

- creation of a common culture around shared values & strenghtening of a European identity
- intercultural exchanges
- multilingualism
- peer networking





1 SUMMER SCHOOL

20-26 September 2021 (Iasi)

- **32 PARTICIPANTS**
- **TOPIC:** *Smart Ageing & Healthy Life*



1 SCIENCE BATTLE

24th September 2021

- **550 ATTENDEES**
- **OBJECTIVE:**

A competition to promote researchers' culture and science, while showing the public how they concretely tackle a new research question.

The winner of this 1st edition was the team from the **University of Pavia**, competing against the University of Poitiers and the University of Turku.



2 THINK TANKS

April 2021
February 2022

- **90 STAKEHOLDERS**

A format to broadly discuss pressing societal issues, like, amongst others, innovation and people empowerment. The 1st Think Tank was on "Values" and the 2nd on "Circular Economy".



1 PHD WORKSHOP

9-13 May 2022 (Iasi)

- **21 PARTICIPANTS**
- **TOPIC:**
New multilingual learning and teaching spaces for European Campuses



1 ENTREPRENEURIAL WEEK

5-7 April 2022 (Pavia)

- **24 PARTICIPANTS**
- **OBJECTIVE:**

A few days to celebrate transdisciplinary innovation, intercultural teamwork, and entrepreneurial experiences.

EC2U AT THE SERVICE OF STUDENTS



The EC2U Alliance is developing a joint student and campus life, centered around student opportunities. Students play an essential role in making the EC2U Campus open to all.

EDUCATIONAL PATH

EC2U places inclusive, quality education at the center of its mission.

In 2022, **EC2U launched three Joint Master's Programmes:**

MSc in Lifelong well-being and healthy ageing

MA in European languages, cultures, and societies in contact

MSc in Sustainable Cities and Communities

Offered jointly by the universities of the Alliance, these Master's Programmes provide **tailored and multiple mobility schemes, «à la carte» study plans, and multidisciplinary courses.**

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

EC2U provides a wide range of activities for students to prepare for a **successful, fulfilling career.**

These activities allow all students to:

gain transdisciplinary, intercultural, and intrapersonal skills;

work with schools across Europe;

develop awareness of entrepreneurial opportunities.

Launched over the course of the first 18 months, these activities are **tailored to students' needs.**



The EC2U Campus fosters collaboration across Europe.

The Alliance’s activities are multicultural and provide a gateway to the seven universities and cities.

EC2U places a focus on student activities held locally and globally, whether they are education offers such as the EC2U Summer Schools, or social and cultural events like the EC2U Science Battle.

To further involve students in the multicultural experiences, the **EC2U Ambassador Programme** was launched in 2022. This programme brings students together to share experiences and promote **activities for students, by students.**



As the world is constantly globalizing, the existence of the Alliance is more relevant than ever. It is important to bring awareness to people about EC2U, its goals and the fact that every student and staff member can apply for the activities it offers.

Student ambassador from the University of Turku

tell me more about mobility



wide-ranging mobility opportunities

for students across Europe to develop new skills and discover universities and cities of the Alliance.



adapted to students' needs

from educational offers (EC2U Summer & Winter Schools, PhD trainings...), entrepreneurial activities (Entrepreneurial Week...) to cultural events.



via smart mobility offerings

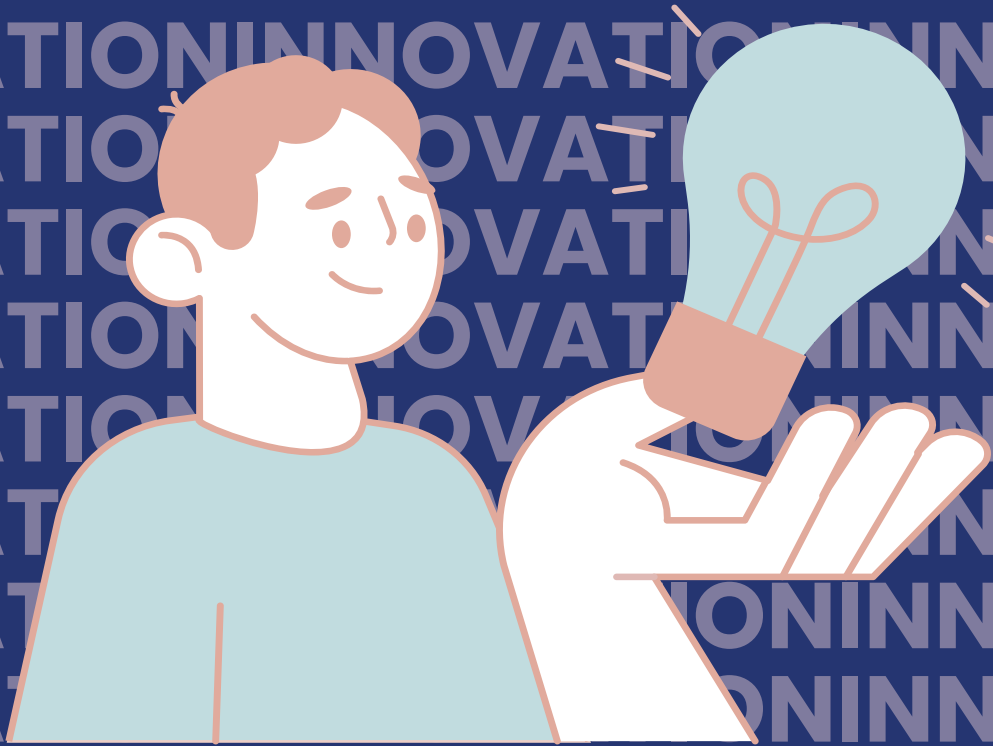
with both virtual and physical mobility to ensure activities are accessible to the largest number of students.



to develop personal and professional skills

by providing diverse teaching and research methods to develop transversal skillsets in multicultural environments.

INNOVATIVE ACTIONS



connecting communities via...



Connect Centre

The EC2U Alliance has created a **digital eco-system**, the EC2U Connect Centre, to facilitate **collaborative work processes** and ensure the quality of activities in line with **European innovative practices** such as the EC2U Student Card developed within the framework of Erasmus Without Paper.

MMT EC2U App

In 2022, EC2U launched *My Mobile Tutor (MMT)*, a mobile application that **accompanies students and staff before and during mobilities** by providing key information about the EC2U universities and cities.



Erasmus Without Paper is a European initiative that is digitalising Erasmus+ administration by creating an inclusive digital workflow for all universities making European mobility accessible to all.

fostering innovation between universities

Virtual Institutes

The three EC2U Virtual Institutes aim at **fostering rapid integration of research results and/or innovation into education**, by connecting international inter-disciplinary teams of students, teachers, researchers, and innovators. Centred around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, these joint institutes provide **challenge-based educational offers** such as the EC2U Joint Master's Programmes.

H2020 project

EC2U launched a complementary project in 2021: *Research & Innovation For Cities & Citizens (RI4C2)*. Led by the 7 EC2U Partner Universities, the objective is to create a shared **Pan-European Knowledge Ecosystem**, bringing a gradual and adaptative transformation of Research & Innovation (R&I).

Co-financed PhD theses

EC2U has launched **eight co-financed PhD theses** in 2022, with the universities of the Alliance. These theses bring research communities closer and allow PhD students to **collaborate with multi-disciplinary teams** of experts.





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